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SUBJECT: MOROCCO BREAKS RELATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY

1. IN NOV 13 COMMUNIQUE, GOM ANNOUNCED IT HAD BROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GDR. COMMUNIQUE CITED "PRESS CAMPAIGN" IN EAST GERMANY AGAINST "SACRED INSTITUTIONS OF KINGDOM (AND) LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF MOROCCAN PEOPLE TO REALIZE THEIR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY." COMMUNIQUE CHARGED THAT "ELEMENTARY RULES OF RESPECT AND COURTESY....BETWEEN SOVEREIGN STATES" HAD BEEN VIOLATED BY EAST GERMAN PRESS. (MOROCCO RECOGNIZED GDR IN DECEMBER, 1972. EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR ARRIVED IN JUNE, 1973).

2. IT NOT CLEAR WHAT SPECIFICS OF MOROCCAN COMPLAINT ARE, BUT FONMINISTRY SOURCE TELLS US SAHARA INVOLVED AND THAT REFERENCE TO "SACRED INSTITUTIONS" MEANS GOM DETECTED PERSONAL AFFRONT TO KING.

3. RUPTURE MAY WELL BE DESIGNED AS MOROCCAN WARNING TO USSR, WHICH HAS COME UNDER INCREASING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CRITICISM. PUBLIC SOVIET DECLARATIONS IN FAVOR OF SELF-DETERMINATION (MOSCOW 15900), PERCEIVED ANTI-MOROCCAN ATTITUDE OF SOVIET UN PERMREP. MALIK WHILE HE CHAIRED SC DURING SAHARA DELIBERATIONS, AND REPORTED STATEMENTS SUPPORTING SAHARA SELF-DETERMINATION BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO ALGIERS HAVE FOSTERED GROWING CONVICTION HERE THAT SOVIETS ARE "TILTING" TOWARDS ALGERIANS IN SAHARA DISPUTE. SOVIET EMBASSY HAS BEEN AT PAINS TO DISPEL SUCH AN INTERPRETATION WITHOUT APPARENT SUCCESS. ALGERIANS HERE HAVE ALSO SCOFFED AT IDEA OF SUCH A SOVIET TILT, STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN MOROCCO.

4. GOM SENT HIGH LEVEL FONOFF OFFICIAL TO MOSCOW (RABAT 5314) NOV 1 ON UNSUCCESSFUL MISSION SEEKING TO TURN SOVIETS OFF ON SELF-DETERMINATION. MFA DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS TOLD US NOV 12 THAT SOVIETS HAD NOT MODIFIED THEIR POSITION ON SELF-DETERMINATION DISPIE MOROCCAN EFFORTS AND THAT THIS CONTINUING TO HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS.

5. WEST GERMAN EMBASSY SOURCES COMMENTED NOV 13 THAT E.
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GERMANY MOST VULNERABLE OF EAST EUROPEANS HERE IN THAT THEIR ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO NEGLIGIBLE. WEST GERMANS AS YET UNSURE OF DIMENSIONS OF BREAK, OR WHETHER ANY FORM OF EAST GERMAN REPRESENTATION WOULD BE LEFT BEHIND. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE BELIEVES ENTIRE EMBASSY STAFF WILL LEAVE, ALTHOUGH EAST GERMAN CONSULATE IN CASABLANCA MIGHT BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS.

6. COMMENT: MOROCCAN MOVE HAS CLEARLY CAUGHT EASTERN

EUROPEANS HERE BY SURPRISE. SOVIETS SEEM TO HAVE MISJUDGED
DEPTH OF MOROCCAN FEELINGS ON SAHARA, ALTHOUGH GOM APPARENTLY
STILL HAS HOPES OF REFORMING SOVIET POLICY THROUGH SHOCK
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